

Structural Dynamics

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Title: Free Vibration Systems (SDOF)

Question: Viscously damped system has, $m = 10 \text{ kg}$, $k = 1000 \text{ N/m}$, If the system is subjected to initial displacement and velocity of 0.1 m and 10 m/s respectively,

(a) Plot the undamped free vibration response of the system.

(b) Plot the damped free vibration response of the system considering under-damped, critical and over- damped conditions.

Answer:

Given system parameters are:

1. Mass (m) = 10 kg
2. Stiffness (k) = 1000 N/m
3. Initial Displacement (u_o) = 0.1 m
4. Initial Velocity (v_o) = 10 m/s

- Natural Frequency (ω_n) = $\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{1000}{10}} = 10 \text{ rad/s}$
- Critical Damping (c_{cr}) = $2 \cdot \sqrt{m \cdot k} = 2 \cdot 100 = 200 \text{ kg/s}$

General Equation : $m\ddot{x} + c\dot{x} + kx = 0$ General Soution : $x(t) = e^{st}$

Case 1: Undamped Free Vibrations ($c = 0$)

Substituting $c = 0$ and values of m & k , we get

$$\rightarrow s^2 + \omega_n^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow s = \pm i\omega_n$$

General Solution of this case can be given as

$$\rightarrow u(t) = C_1 \cos(\omega_n t) + C_2 \sin(\omega_n t)$$

where, C_1 and C_2 are constants.

Applying boundary conditions,

a) Initial displacement (u_0) = 0.1 m

$$\rightarrow u(0) = C_1 = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore C_1 = 0.1$$

b) Initial Velocity (v_0) = 10 m/s

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(0) = C_2 \omega_n = 10$$

$$\rightarrow C_2 = 10/\omega_n = 1$$

$$\therefore C_2 = 1$$

Final Equation for Undamped Free Vibration system is:

$$\rightarrow u(t) = 0.1 \cos(10t) + \sin(10t)$$

Case 2: Damped Free Vibrations – Critical Condition ($c = 200$)

$$\rightarrow \zeta = \frac{c}{c_{cr}} = \frac{200}{200} = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 10\sqrt{1 - 0.25} = 8.66 \text{ rad/s}$$

Substituting $c = 200$ and values of m & k , we get

$$\rightarrow s^2 + 2\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow s = -\omega_n \text{ (Double root)}$$

General Solution of this case can be given as

$$\rightarrow u(t) = (C_1 + C_2 t)e^{-\omega_n t}$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(t) = (C_2 - \omega_n(C_1 + C_2 t))e^{-\omega_n t}$$

where, C_1 and C_2 are constants.

Applying boundary conditions,

a) Initial displacement (u_0) = 0.1 m

$$\rightarrow u(0) = C_1 = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore C_1 = 0.1$$

b) Initial Velocity (v_0) = 10 m/s

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(0) = C_2 - C_1 \omega_n = 10$$

$$\rightarrow C_2 = 10 + 1 = 11$$

$$\therefore C_2 = 11$$

Final Equation for Damped Free Vibration system (**Critical Condition**) is:

$$\rightarrow u(t) = (0.1 + 11t)e^{-10t}$$

Case 3: Damped Free Vibrations – Underdamped Condition ($c = 100$)

$$\rightarrow \zeta = \frac{c}{c_{cr}} = \frac{100}{200} = 0.5$$

$$\rightarrow \omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2} = 10\sqrt{1 - 0.25} = 8.66 \text{ rad/s}$$

Substituting $c = 100$ and values of m & k , we get

$$\rightarrow s^2 + \omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0$$

General Solution of this case can be given as

$$\rightarrow u(t) = e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} (C_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + C_2 \sin(\omega_d t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \dot{u}(t) = e^{-\zeta \omega_n t} [& -\zeta \omega_n (C_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + C_2 \sin(\omega_d t)) \\ & + (-C_1 \omega_d \sin(\omega_d t) + C_2 \omega_d \cos(\omega_d t))] \end{aligned}$$

where, C_1 and C_2 are constants.

Applying boundary conditions,

a) Initial displacement (u_0) = 0.1 m

$$\rightarrow u(0) = C_1 = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore C_1 = 0.1$$

b) Initial Velocity (v_0) = 10 m/s

$$\therefore C_2 = 11$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(0) = -\zeta\omega_n C_1 + C_2\omega_d = 10$$

$$\therefore C_2 = 1.212$$

$$\rightarrow C_2 = (10 + 5)/8.66 = 1.212$$

Final Equation for Damped Free Vibration system (**Under-damped condition**) is:

$$\rightarrow u(t) = e^{-5t}(0.1 \cos(8.66t) + 1.212 \sin(8.66t))$$

Case 4: Damped Free Vibrations – Overdamped Condition (c = 400)

$$\rightarrow \zeta = \frac{c}{c_{cr}} = \frac{400}{200} = 2$$

Substituting c = 400 and values of m & k, we get

$$\rightarrow s^2 + 4\omega_n s + \omega_n^2 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow s_1 = -37.32 \text{ \& } s_2 = -2.68$$

General Solution of this case can be given as

$$\rightarrow u(t) = C_1 e^{s_1 t} + C_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(t) = C_1 s_1 e^{s_1 t} + C_2 s_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

where, C_1 and C_2 are constants.

Applying boundary conditions,

a) Initial displacement (u_0) = 0.1 m

$$\rightarrow u(0) = C_1 + C_2 = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

b) Initial Velocity (v_0) = 10 m/s

$$\rightarrow \dot{u}(0) = C_1 s_1 + C_2 s_2 = 10$$

$$\rightarrow C_2 = (10 + 5)/8.66 = 1.212$$

On solving both equations, we get

$$\rightarrow C_1 = \frac{s_1 u_0 - \dot{u}_0}{s_1 - s_2} = -0.296$$

$$\therefore C_1 = -0.296$$

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$$\rightarrow C_2 = \frac{\dot{u}_0 - s_2 u_0}{s_1 - s_2} = 0.396$$

$$\therefore C_2 = 0.396$$

Final Equation for Damped Free Vibration system (**Overdamped condition**) is:

$$\rightarrow u(t) = -0.296e^{-37.32t} + 0.396e^{-2.679t}$$

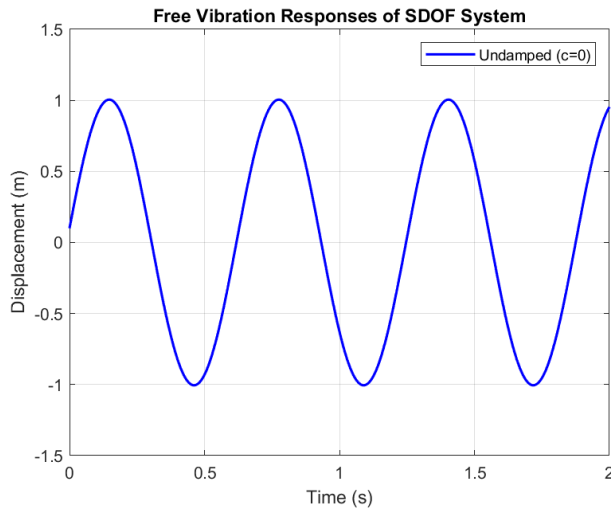


Fig.1: Undamped System ($c = 0$)

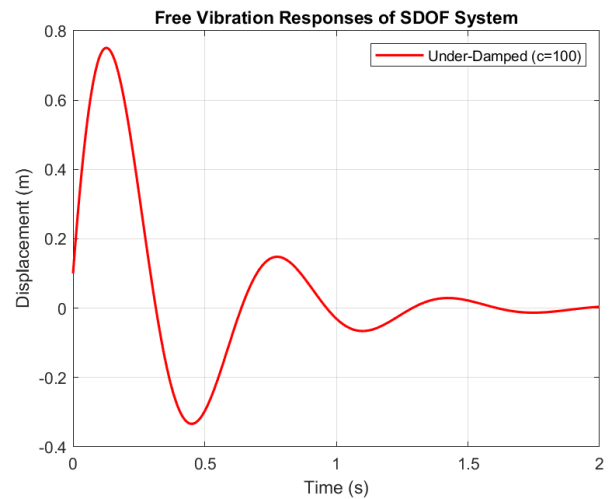


Fig.2: Under-damped System ($c = 100$)

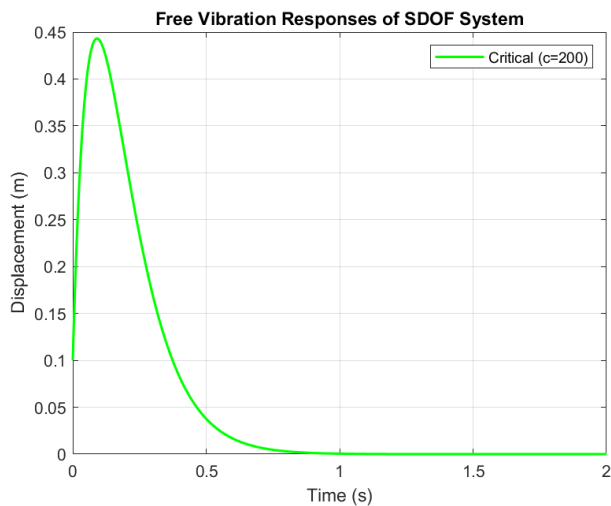


Fig.3: Critical Damped System ($c = 200$)

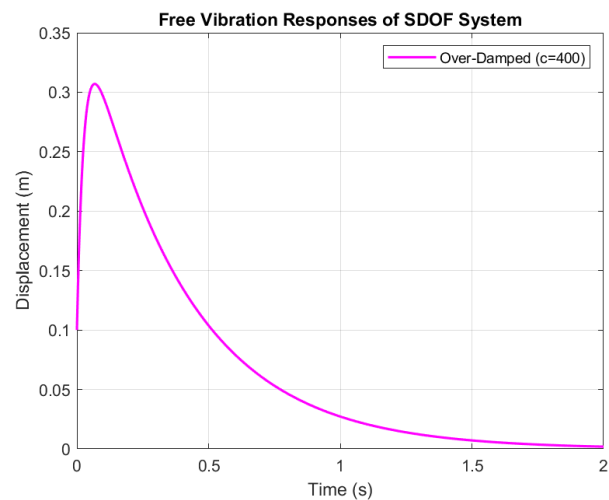


Fig.4 Over-damped System ($c = 400$)

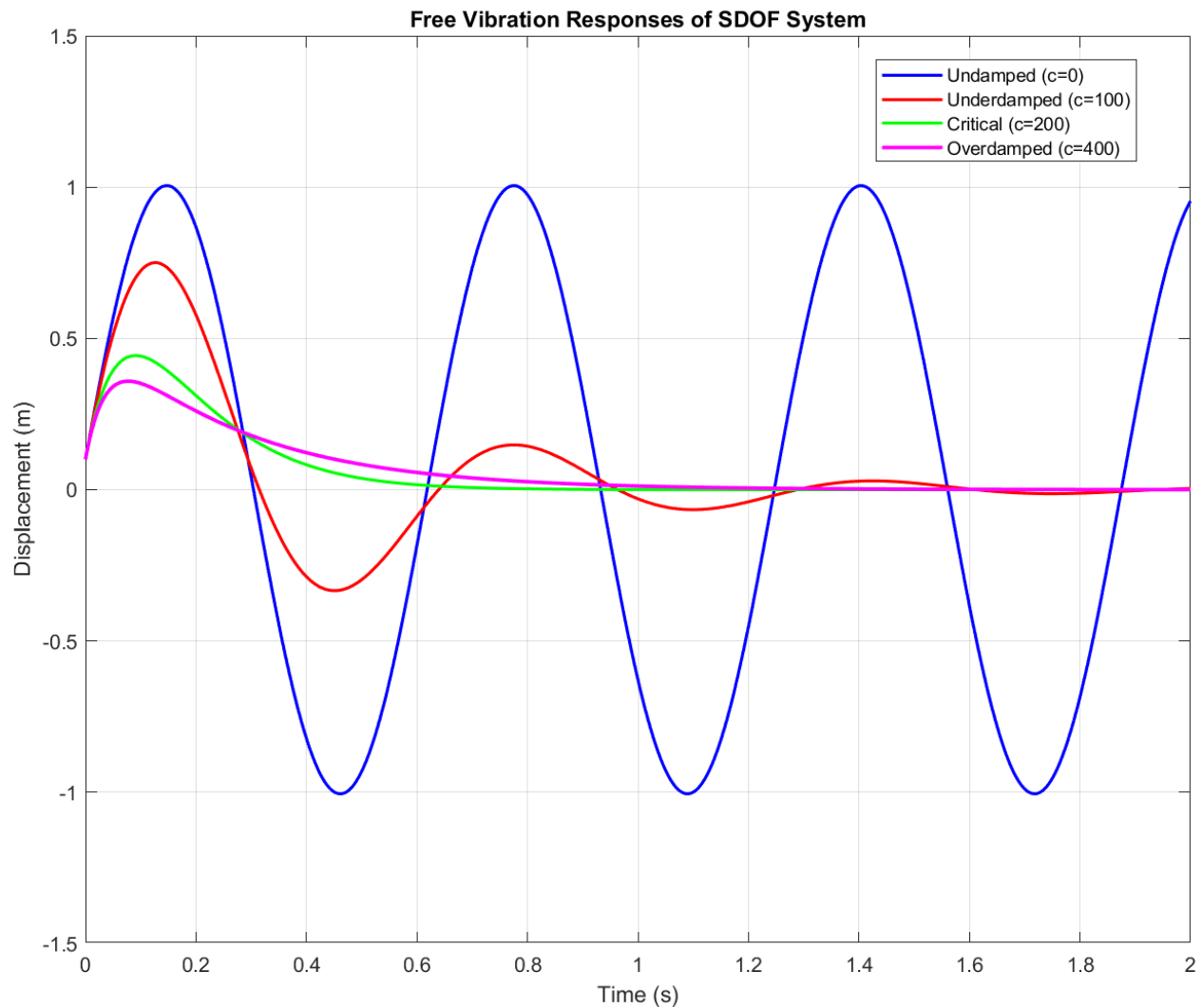


Fig.5: Comparison of all free vibrations systems

MATLAB Code

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% Given Data
m = 10;           % kg
k = 1000;         % N/m
x0 = 0.1;         % initial displacement (m)
v0 = 10;          % initial velocity (m/s)

omega_n = sqrt(k/m); % natural frequency (rad/s)
c_c = 2*m*omega_n;   % critical damping (Ns/m)

% Time vector
t = linspace(0, 2, 1000); % 0 to 2 seconds

%% 1) Undamped case (c=0, zeta=0)
x_undamped = x0*cos(omega_n*t) + (v0/omega_n)*sin(omega_n*t);
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%% 2) Underdamped case (c=100)
c = 50;
zeta = c/c_c;
omega_d = omega_n*sqrt(1 - zeta^2);
x_underdamped = exp(-zeta*omega_n*t).*( x0*cos(omega_d*t) +
(v0+zeta*omega_n*x0)/omega_d * sin(omega_d*t) );

%% 3) Critically damped case (c = c_c)
c = c_c;
x_critical = ( x0 + (v0 + omega_n*x0)*t ) .* exp(-omega_n*t);

%% 4) Overdamped case (c=400)
c = 400;
zeta = c/c_c;
s1 = -omega_n*(zeta + sqrt(zeta^2 - 1));
s2 = -omega_n*(zeta - sqrt(zeta^2 - 1));
A = (v0 - s2*x0)/(s1 - s2);
B = (s1*x0 - v0)/(s1 - s2);
x_overdamped = A*exp(s1*t) + B*exp(s2*t);

%% Code for plotting various graph!!
figure;
plot(t, x_undamped, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 1.5); hold on;
plot(t, x_underdamped, 'r-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
plot(t, x_critical, 'g-', 'LineWidth', 1.5);
plot(t, x_overdamped, 'm-', 'LineWidth', 1.8);
grid on;
xlabel('Time (s)'); ylabel('Displacement (m)');
title('Free Vibration Responses of SDOF System');
legend('Undamped (c=0)', 'Underdamped (c=100)', 'Critical (c=200)', 'Overdamped (c=400)', 'Location', 'best');

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